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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on Pg. 3, Line 14 as follows:

The disadvantages heretofore associated with the prior art are overcome by a novel method for establishing and managing voice call traffic in an VoIP IP virtual private network. The method comprises, in one embodiment, determining the relative location of a terminating point with respect to an originating point of a new communication containing the voice data, determining one or more IP addresses to egress the communication from the originating point to the terminating point, creating a VPN identifier in the new communication, passing the new communication to the terminating point and removing the VPN identifier from the new communication. The VPN identifier is an extra field (such as an MPLS label) added to an encapsulation coding scheme of the voice data. In an alternate method, the packet switches (or special gateway) can perform address translation from an IP address from one IP address space to an IP address from another IP address space[[.]] of the voice data.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Pg. 20, Line 7 as follows:

Multiple locations from the same subscriber may be connected to the same packet switch 210. When receiving a packet from connection 140, if the identifier identifies only the VPN, the packet switch 210 needs to consult a forwarding table to determine the appropriate locations to send the packet to. This table can be built dynamically using the information from the signaling messages. A simpler method is that the identifier would identify the egress interface. In this case, the packet switch would know the egress interface immediately from the identifier and no dynamic forwarding table is necessary. In this aspect, the use MPLS label is superior is they can be used to identify the egress interface as oppose to VPN-ID which only identifies the VoIP-VPN.